



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

May 27, 2015

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Esther Margulies to the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Margulies' current term expires on June 30, 2015.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Margulies is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Esther Margulies
Commission: West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
End of Term: 6/30/2020

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 11 - West Los Angeles
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** M.A., Harvard University
7. **Occupation/profession:** Associate Principal, Studio Leader, AECOM Los Angeles
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Name	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt date	Term end
Donovan, Thomas M.	West LA	11	Caucasian	M	31-Jan-14	30-Jun-17
Haiper, Joseph	West LA	11	Caucasian	M	19-Aug-11	30-Jun-18
Margulies, Esther	West LA	11	Latina	F	27-Jun-14	30-Jun-15
Merritt, Marian	West LA	5	Caucasian	F	14-Oct-14	30-Jun-19
Waltz Morocco, Lisa	West LA	5	Caucasian	F	17-Dec-13	30-Jun-16

Bio 2015

Esther Margulies

West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Esther Margulies, ASLA is a licensed Landscape Architect and founder of The Office of the Designed Landscape (OotDL) in Venice. She began her service on the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission in August of 2014. She is a part time lecturer and student advisor in the University of Southern California Master of Landscape Architecture program where she teaches design studios and the theory of Landscape Architecture. In 2014 Ms. Margulies co-founded the Los Angeles River Public Art Project to advocate for a public arts and culture infrastructure on the River. Ms. Margulies received her undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from Cornell University and her Master of Landscape Architecture degree from The Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

She was a founding partner and principal in charge of numerous projects at Mia Lehrer + Associates (ML+A). She has a particular interest in public spaces in urban environments and has contributed to projects including parks, waterfronts, transit areas and educational institutions. She served as the landscape architecture studio leader for ValleyCrest Design Group and the Los Angeles office of AECOM where she managed the design and operations for international and domestic projects. She is a former board member of the USC Architecture Guild.



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Ms. Esther Margulies

Dear Ms. Margulies:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2020. In order to complete the process as quickly as possible, there are several steps that must be taken, many of which require visiting City Hall. If you require parking during these procedures, please call Cary Gross in my Office at (213) 978-0621 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the reappointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed Remuneration Form, Undated Separation Forms, Background Check Release and Information Sheet **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensuring the most efficient, open and accountable City government possible.

Under separate cover you will be receiving a packet from the City Ethics Commission containing information about the City's conflict of interest laws and a copy of the State Form 700/Statement of Economic Interests. You are required to complete and return this form **within 21 days** of your nomination to the City Ethics Commission, 200 North Spring Street, City Hall, 24th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Shannon Prior at the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.

As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Mike Bonin, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Jose Huizar, the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will

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be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Some time thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your reappointment will be presented to the full City Council for confirmation. Once you are confirmed, you will be required to take the oath of office in the City Clerk's Office in Room 395 of City Hall. Cary Gross will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

Commissioners must be residents of the City of Los Angeles. If you move at any point during your term, have any changes in your telephone numbers, or in the future plan to resign (resignation must be put in writing), please contact my office immediately.

Congratulations and thank you for agreeing to serve the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Attachment I
Ms. Esther Margulies
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Nominee Check List

I. Within seven days:

Mail, fax or email the following forms to: Cary Gross, Office of the Mayor, Office of External Affairs, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email: cary.gross@lacity.org.

_____ **Remuneration Form**

_____ **Undated Separation Forms**

_____ **Background Check Release**

_____ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

II. Within 21 days:

File the following forms with the City Ethics Commission. *If you are required to file, you will receive these forms in via email from that office.*

_____ **Statement of Economic Interest ("Form 700")**

IMPORTANT: The City Council will not consider your nomination until your completed form is reviewed by the Ethics Commission.

_____ **CEC Form 60**

III. As soon as possible, the Mayor's Office will schedule a meeting with you and:

_____ **Your City Councilmember Mike Bonin** (contact at (213) 473-7011).

_____ **Councilmember Jose Huizar, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at (213) 473-7014).

Staff in the Mayor's Office of External Affairs will assist you with these arrangements.